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1. Vietnam. Vietnamese developments dominated the front pages of the Saudi press during the past week. Detailed translations of wire

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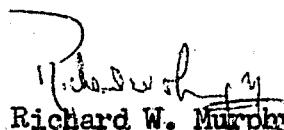
service material and ~~USIS~~ prepared materials insured that Saudi readers had every chance to appreciate the US position through reports which included statements of the President, Secretary McNamara and Ambassador Stevenson. Statements from Moscow and Peiping as carried by the wire services were also published. Original commentary was limited, it included an article by al-Nadwa's political "Observer" asserting that a US-China war was inevitable. He stated that in view of poor USSR-Chinese relations Moscow was secretly encouraging a US-China conflict. US fear of Chinese Communist domination of Southeast Asia he saw as also contributing to the inevitability of war.

An article by 'Aziz Dia of August 7 al-Bilad equated straightforward US behavior in the Vietnam crisis with that displayed at time of Cuban missile crisis. He forecast war would remain a limited one. The article was entitled "Brinksmanship" and he applied this term to the tactics of all parties concerned. al-Madina's columnist noted the lukewarm nature of the Soviet response registered prior to August 7. Finally on August 10 al-Bilad headlined "Khrushchev Threatens to Declare War on the United States if She Does Not Stop Her Military Operations Against North Vietnam." The subheadline stated "U.S. stops her patrols in the Tonkin Bay after the Russian Warning." This was a rare example of editorializing on the Vietnam crisis with an anti-US cast achieved through the makeup of the page. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Cyprus. The Cyprus conflict gained almost as much newspaper coverage as that of Vietnam. The Saudi press which has in the past been consistently pro-Turkish on this issue tended to restrict itself to factual wire service coverage of the fast developing situation. al-Madina's "Observer" predicted that should Greek and Turkish forces clash over Cyprus the UK and the US would side with Turkey while the Soviet bloc would support Greece. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Ranger 7. USIS supplied extensive background articles and photographs to local press concerning the Ranger 7 Moon Shot. These materials were given prominent play in al-Bilad August 10.

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